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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SPECIAL HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Geneva, 4 and 5 July 1991)*

* The Meeting will be preceded by a preparatory meeting on 2 July 1991.

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting by the Chairman.

2. Impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation.

3. Closure of the meeting.

II. ANNOTATIONS

1. At its second regular session of 1988, the Council decided, with a view to formulating and elaborating action-oriented recommendations, that it should undertake annually in-depth discussions of major policy themes, to be selected on the basis of a multi-year work programme derived, inter alia, from the priorities set out in the medium-term plan of the United Nations and the work programmes of other relevant United Nations bodies (resolution 1988/77).

2. At its organizational session for 1990, the Council decided that in connection with the major policy theme for 1991, in accordance with paragraph 2 (a) (iii) of Council resolution 1988/77, to discuss as an urgent and emerging issue the following: "The impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation". The Council also decided that the discussion of the theme should be at a special meeting at an appropriately high level, without excluding the ministerial level, which should be held on 4 and 5 July 1991, during its second regular session. The special meeting should be separate from the regular proceedings of the Council and precede its general discussion of international economic and social policy (decision 1990/205).

3. At its second regular session of 1990, the Council, inter alia:

(a) Invited the Secretary-General, in consultation with the President of the Council, to take all the necessary measures to ensure the adequate preparation of the special high-level meeting of the Council in 1991, and to prepare an analytical report for that meeting, which should, inter alia, include complete information on matters of trade, financial flows and investments in the context of the recent evolution of East-West relations and its consequences for the developing countries;

(b) Invited the President of the Council to convene a one-day preparatory meeting of the Council before the special high-level meeting;

(c) Called upon all appropriate organs, organizations, bodies and programmes of the United Nations system to contribute to the success of the special high-level meeting;

(d) Invited all Member States and observer States that are in a position to do so to be represented at the ministerial level (resolution 1990/68).

4. At its forty-fifth session, the General Assembly, in resolution 1945/182, concerning the special high-level meeting of the Council, inter alia, invited all Member States and observer States that are in a position to do so to be represented at the ministerial level.

5. At its organizational session for 1991, the Council, pursuant to its decision 1990/205, confirmed the major policy theme to be considered at its special high-level meeting with ministerial participation in 1991 (decision 1991/202 A).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the recent evolution of East-West relations on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of developing countries, as well as on international economic cooperation (E/1991/82)

Chapter VI of the World Economic Survey (E/1991/75)

Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twenty-seventh session (E/1991/32, Supplement No. 11)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1990-1991 (E/1991/64)

Note verbale dated 13 May 1991 from the Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretariat of the United Nations transmitting the Declaration of the Algiers Colloquium on the Impact of the Recent Evolution of East/West Relations on the Growth of the World Economy, in particular on the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, as well as on International Economic Cooperation, held from 4 to 6 May 1991 (E/1991/78)

III. ORGANIZATION OF WORK

6. The Council, at its opening meeting, on 3 July, may wish to decide, under agenda item 1 (Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters), to have a Bureau for the Special High-level Meeting at the ministerial level composed of representatives from the same States as the Bureau of the Council for 1991. The Chairman of the Special High-level Meeting would therefore be from the same State as the President of the Council.

7. The Special High-level Meeting will be preceded by a one-day preparatory meeting, to be held on 2 July. It is suggested that the formal segment of the Special High-level Meeting comprise three meetings, to be held on the morning and afternoon of 4 July and the morning of 5 July. A time-limit of 10 minutes would be set for statements. On the afternoon of 5 July, a closed meeting would be held for the heads of delegations accompanied by one adviser, followed by the formal closure of the meeting. The executive heads of relevant specialized agencies and other organizations would take part in the closed meeting.

8. The list of speakers for the Special High-level Meeting will open in New York on 3 June at 10.30 a.m. and close in Geneva on 2 July at 6 p.m.

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WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

Report of the Second (Social) Committee

1. The Second (Social) Committee considered the question of the world social situation (agenda item 6) at its 1st to 6th, 9th, 11th, 13th and 14th meetings, from 13 to 16 and from 20 to 23 May 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Interim report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (A/46/56-E/1991/6 and Corr.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the work being done within the United Nations system on improving quantitative and qualitative indicators on social conditions and standards of living (A/46/137-E/1991/40);

(c) Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session (E/1991/26). 1/

2. At the 1st to 6th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item concurrently with item 7 (Social development). At the 1st meeting, on 13 May, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Social Development Division of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and by the Director of the General Analysis and Policies Division of the Department of International Economic and Social Affairs.

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3. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the representative of France and the observer for Luxembourg (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community).

4. At the 2nd meeting, on 14 May, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Algeria and China and the observer for Australia (on behalf also of Canada and New Zealand). The representative of the World Bank made a statement. The observer for the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 15 May, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Morocco, Peru, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Mexico, the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Yugoslavia, Cameroon, Turkey, Czechoslovakia and Burkina Faso.

6. At the 4th meeting, on 15 May, statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Jamaica, Tunisia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Canada, Romania, the United States of America and Ecuador and the observers for Suriname, Venezuela, the Philippines, Ghana, the Dominican Republic and Uganda.

7. At the 5th meeting, on 16 May, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Malaysia, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Bahrain and Japan and the observers for the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and Mongolia.

8. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, statements were made by the representative of Nicaragua and the observer for Costa Rica. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Alliance of Women - Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

World social situation

9. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the observer for Ghana, 2/ on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.1) entitled "World social situation". In introducing the draft resolution, he revised operative paragraph 4 by replacing the words "and can be considered by the Council" by the words "for consideration by the Council".

2/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

10. At the 13th meeting, on 22 May, the observer for Ghana, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.1/Rev.1), which incorporated the following changes:

(a) A new preambular paragraph was inserted between the fourth and fifth preambular paragraphs, which read as follows:

"Bearing in mind that some developing countries have been able to achieve some economic and social progress";

(b) In the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "an essential priority for the United Nations and the international community" were replaced by the words "an essential priority for national policies, the United Nations and the international community";

(c) Operative paragraph 6, which read:

"6. Recommends that prior to the preparation of the 1993 report an inter-agency meeting be convened to ensure that an integrated interdisciplinary focus is provided to serve as a source of data for the report",

was replaced by the following text:

"6. Recommends that the draft of the 1993 report be reviewed by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to ensure that an integrated interdisciplinary focus is given to serve as a data source for the report".

11. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 20 below, draft resolution I).

12. After the revised draft resolution was adopted, the observer for Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, made a statement.

Humanitarian assistance to Iraqi refugees and displaced persons

13. At the 11th meeting, on 21 May, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of Australia, 2/ Canada, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Kuwait and New Zealand, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.7) entitled "Humanitarian assistance to Iraqi refugees and displaced persons".

14. At the same meeting, the representative of Iraq informed the Committee that his delegation had submitted amendments to the draft resolution. The amendments, which were subsequently circulated in document E/1991/C.2/L.10, called for:

(a) The replacement of the second preambular paragraph, which read:

"Aware that the majority of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons are women, the elderly and children, who are particularly vulnerable to hardship",

by the following text:

"Aware that the problem of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons is connected to the consequences of the Gulf war, bearing in mind that war victims are usually civilians (women, the elderly and children)";

(b) The addition of the words "as well as the agreement of 18 April 1991 between the United Nations and the Government of Iraq" at the end of operative paragraph 3;

(c) The insertion of the following new operative paragraph between operative paragraphs 3 and 4:

"Welcomes the cooperation of the Government of Iraq with other international agencies, including non-governmental organizations, in facilitating their objectives in order to help the refugees to return to their homes and noting in this regard the ongoing negotiations with the Kurdish leaders".

15. At the 13th meeting, on 22 May, the representative of Iraq withdrew the amendments (E/1991/C.2/L.10) to draft resolution E/1991/C.2/L.7 and stated that his delegation would accept the draft resolution.

16. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised paragraph 5 of the draft resolution by replacing the words, "Calls upon all States and the United Nations system" by the words "Calls upon States concerned and the United Nations system".

17. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 20 below, draft resolution II).

18. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Iraq and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work being done within the United Nations system on improving quantitative and qualitative indicators on social conditions and standards of living

19. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work being done within the United Nations system on improving quantitative and

qualitative indicators on social conditions and standards of living (A/46/137-E/1991/40) (see para. 21 below, draft decision).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND (SOCIAL) COMMITTEE

20. The Second (Social) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

World social situation

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 40/100 of 13 December 1985 and 45/87 of 14 December 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1987/52 of 28 May 1987 and 1989/72 of 24 May 1989,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 44/56 of 8 December 1989, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit an interim report to it in 1991, through the Commission for Social Development and the Council,

Bearing in mind the primary importance of a well-balanced report on the world social situation for increasing international awareness of the efforts being made towards achieving the goals of social progress and better standards of living, established in the Charter of the United Nations, as well as of the obstacles to further progress,

Deeply concerned by the continued worsening of the economic situation in many developing countries, particularly the least developed countries, as evidenced by the significant decline in living conditions, the persistence and increase of widespread poverty in a large number of those countries and the decline of their main social and economic indicators,

Bearing in mind that some developing countries have been able to achieve some economic and social progress,

Desirous that the pace of development in the developing countries be accelerated substantially in order to enable those countries to achieve their social objectives, especially those of meeting the basic need for food, housing, education, employment and health care and winning the struggle against the scourges that endanger the health and well-being of their populations,

Recognizing that progress in the social and economic fields constitutes an essential priority for national policies, the United Nations and the international community, as well as a prerequisite for international development and peace,

Believing that there is a need for greater effort by the United Nations system to study and disseminate accurate and balanced data and material on the existing world social situation, particularly with regard to emerging trends and institutional structures that have an impact on social development,

Having considered the interim report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation, 3/

Mindful of the need to reflect objectively on the sensitivity and importance of the social problems of developing countries,

1. Notes with concern that the interim report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation did not adequately focus on the continuing deterioration of the economic and social situation that constitutes the primary tendency in many developing countries, in particular the least developed countries;

2. Also notes with concern that the interim report did not sufficiently take into account the concerns and guidelines specified in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1989/72;

3. Reaffirms the request set forth in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1989/72 that, in preparing the next report on the world social situation, the Secretary-General give high priority to an analysis of the main indicators of social progress and standards of living and make a comprehensive analysis of the main causes and circumstances that explain negative trends in those indicators, and reaffirms also that chapters devoted to the study of specific social problems must be related to global economic and social situations, taking into account both national and international conditions;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to reorient the draft framework for the 1993 report on the world social situation so that the draft framework is in consonance with the requests set forth in paragraph 4 of Council resolution 1989/72, for consideration by the Council at its regular session of 1992;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General, in preparing the 1993 report, to take into account the intrinsic relationship between economic growth and social development and to analyse in depth the economic problems of the developing countries and the impact of those problems on the world social situation;

6. Recommends that the draft of the 1993 report be reviewed by the Administrative Committee on Coordination to ensure that an integrated interdisciplinary focus is given to serve as a data source for the report;

3/ A/46/56-E/1991/6 and Corr.1.

7. Invites all appropriate organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General in the preparation of the 1993 report by making available all relevant information pertaining to their respective areas of competence.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Humanitarian assistance to Iraqi refugees and displaced persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Expressing deep concern about the plight of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons,

Aware that the majority of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons are women, the elderly and children, who are particularly vulnerable to hardship,

Acknowledging the fact that coping with the enormous needs of Iraqi refugees is far beyond the capacities of host countries,

Recognizing the importance of international cooperation in responding to the emergency needs of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons and the alleviation of human suffering,

Taking note of the heavy burden placed on the people and Governments of host countries,

1. Commends the efforts of the Governments of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkey to provide Iraqi refugees with shelter, protection, food, health care and other humanitarian services, and welcomes the cooperation extended by host countries to the humanitarian agencies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations;

2. Expresses its appreciation for the assistance rendered by States, various organizations of the United Nations system and other governmental and non-governmental organizations to Iraqi refugees and displaced persons;

3. Welcomes with appreciation the initiatives of the Secretary-General in alleviating the human suffering of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons, including the designation of an Executive Delegate for the United Nations Humanitarian Programme for Iraq, Kuwait and the Iraq/Iran and Iraq/Turkey Border Areas;

4. Appeals to all States, appropriate organs and organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the international financial institutions to continue to provide the necessary resources for responding to the enormous needs of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons and recognizes the need to continue and improve further the

coordination between host countries, the humanitarian agencies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations;

5. Calls upon States concerned and the United Nations system to facilitate the safe and honourable return of Iraqi refugees and displaced persons to their homes;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize the necessary financial and material assistance;

7. Requests the Executive Delegate of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Humanitarian Programme for Iraq, Kuwait and the Iraq/Iran and Iraq/Turkey Border Area to continue coordination with the appropriate specialized agencies in order to ensure the continuation of and to consolidate essential services to Iraqi refugees and displaced persons;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

21. The Second (Social) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on the work being done within the United Nations system on improving quantitative and qualitative indicators on social conditions and standards of living

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work being done within the United Nations system on improving quantitative and qualitative indicators on social conditions and standards of living (A/46/137-E/1991/40).

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second (Social) Committee

1. The Second (Social) Committee considered the question of social development (agenda item 7) at its 1st to 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th and 14th meetings, from 13 to 16, 20 and 23 May 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice (E/1991/19);

(b) Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session; 1/

(c) Statement submitted by the International Federation of Women Lawyers, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/1991/NGO/1).

2. At the 1st to 6th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item concurrently with item 6 (World social situation). At the 1st meeting, on 13 May, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Social Development Division of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs.

3. Also at the 1st meeting, statements were made by the representative of France and by the observer for Luxembourg (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community).

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4. At the 2nd meeting, on 14 May, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Algeria and China and by the observer for Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand). The representative of the World Bank also made a statement. The observer for the World Federation of Trade Unions, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

5. At the 3rd meeting, on 15 May, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Morocco, Peru, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Mexico, the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Yugoslavia, Cameroon, Turkey, Czechoslovakia and Burkina Faso.

6. At the 4th meeting, on 15 May, statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Jamaica, Tunisia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Canada, Romania, the United States of America and Ecuador. Statements were also made by the observers for Suriname, Venezuela, the Philippines, Ghana, the Dominican Republic and Uganda.

7. At the 5th meeting, on 16 May, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Malaysia, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Bahrain and Japan and by the observers for the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic and Mongolia.

8. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, statements were made by the representative of Nicaragua and by the observer for Costa Rica. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Alliance of Women, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development

9. Chapter I of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session (E/1991/26) contained nine draft resolutions and two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. It also contained a decision of the Commission that called for action by the Council. Three resolutions and two decisions of the Commission were brought to the attention of the Council.

Critical social situation in Africa

10. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Critical social situation in Africa" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution I).

Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development

11. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the representative of Austria orally proposed an amendment to draft resolution II, entitled "Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development". The amendment called for the replacement of operative paragraph 12, which read:

> "12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future",

by the following text:

> "12. Decides to consider the question of the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future at its forty-eighth session under the item entitled "Social development".

12. The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 41 below, draft resolution II).

Establishing and strengthening national coordinating committees on disability or similar bodies

13. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Establishing and strengthening national coordinating committees on disability or similar bodies" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution III).

United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

14. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution IV).

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and related activities

15. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and related activities" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution V).

Integration of young people into society: participation, development, peace

16. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Integration of young people into society: participation, development, peace" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution VI).

Strategies for social development cooperation

17. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution VIII, entitled "Strategies for social development cooperation" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution VII).

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

18. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution IX, entitled "United Nations Research Institute for Social Development" (see para. 41 below, draft resolution VIII).

Preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family

19. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Secretary of the Committee made the following statement in connection with draft resolution III entitled "Preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family":

> "Upon a review of the activities proposed in draft resolution III as contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development (E/1991/26), the Secretary-General wishes to state that draft resolution III, if adopted, would not give rise to programme budget implications for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993."

20. At the same meeting, the representative of Austria orally proposed an amendment to operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution. The amendment called for the replacement of operative paragraph 12, which read:

> "14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session an item entitled "International Year of the Family" and to discuss it on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General",

by the following text:

> "14. Decides to consider the question of the International Year of the Family, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, at its forty-eighth session under the item entitled "Social development".

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 41 below, draft resolution IX).

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission

22. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission" (see para. 42 below, draft decision I).

Programme questions

23. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Programme questions" (see para. 42 below, draft decision II).

Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

24. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee decided to recommend, for confirmation by the Economic and Social Council, the candidates listed in Commission for Social Development decision 32/101 for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (see para. 42 below, draft decision III).

In-depth consideration of major social policy themes by the Economic and Social Council

25. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of Austria introduced a draft decision (E/1991/C.2/L.2) entitled "In-depth consideration of major social policy themes by the Economic and Social Council".

26. At the 10th meeting, on 21 May, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 42 below, draft decision IV).

27. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of Italy, on behalf of Australia, 2/ Cuba, 2/ France, Italy and New Zealand, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.3) entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice". Subsequently, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic 2/ joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. The Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the draft resolution, which then read as follows:

> The Economic and Social Council,
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> Aware of the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950, in particular the organization of United Nations quinquennial congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,
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> Bearing in mind the important role of the United Nations in assisting Member States to formulate more effective strategies and policies to combat crime and humanize criminal justice systems,

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2/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Concerned about the escalation of crime in all its forms, particularly in its new dimensions and transnational forms, and the violence in many parts of the world, which threatens the international community, impinges on the enjoyment of basic human rights and has a negative impact on the development process,

Recognizing the urgent need for an adequate global response to those crimes that transcend national boundaries or for any other reasons require coordinated action between States, including strengthened international mechanisms to provide criminal justice personnel with ready access to information, facilitate the exchange of technical know-how, further promote international cooperation in this field and ensure adequate coordination for practical action programmes,

Determined to ensure the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders and to make steady progress in their practical application,

Noting with concern the continuing increase in the workload of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, particularly in relation to the mandates entrusted to it by the Eighth Congress and by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/108 of 14 December 1990, the need to prioritize its programme and the need to confine its activities to the areas where a positive contribution can be made through international action,

Recalling its resolution 1990/27 of 24 May 1990, in which, inter alia, the General Assembly was invited to take appropriate measures to ensure the timely implementation and proper follow-up of the recommendations of the Eighth Congress,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/121 of 14 December 1990, in which, inter alia, the General Assembly welcomed the instruments and resolutions adopted by the Eighth Congress and requested the Secretary-General to review the resources required to enable the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with the new mandates,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice (E/1991/19);

2. Welcomes the fruitful and productive results of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, and urges Governments to ensure the implementation of its conclusions and recommendations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to pay particular attention to the operational aspects of the resolutions of the Eighth Congress in order to assist interested countries in promoting human resources development, reinforcing their national machinery, undertaking joint training activities and executing pilot and demonstration projects, and invites the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat and other relevant agencies to consider giving more support to these endeavours;

4. Stresses the importance of General Assembly resolution 45/108 on the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice in determining mechanisms for the more efficient focusing of the programme on those activities where the United Nations can make a positive contribution to the control of crime and requests the Secretary-General to assist in the proper organization of the intergovernmental working group and the ministerial summit meeting on the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme, as called for in that resolution;

5. Takes note with appreciation of the offer of the Government of France to host the ministerial summit meeting in the second half of 1991;

6. Recommends that adequate provision be made for the participation of the representatives of the least developed countries who are members of the intergovernmental working group, as well as to ensure their participation at the ministerial summit meeting;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to use his best endeavours to provide resources within the existing level of the regular budget, as required, for public information activities related to the preparation and servicing of these two meetings;

8. Invites Governments to be actively involved and to provide their support to ensure the success of the ministerial summit meeting;

9. Welcomes the initiative of the Government of Canada to establish in Canada a new international centre for criminal law reform and criminal justice policy as an institute affiliated with the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to conclude an agreement with the aforesaid Government as appropriate;

10. Requests the General Assembly to give priority attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the ministerial summit meeting, with a view to taking appropriate action thereon, leading to the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme;

11. Recommends that the General Assembly, in the light of this review, consider requesting the Secretary-General to enter into a commitment for the upgrading of the status of the Crime Prevention and

Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as called for in numerous General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions, the most recent of which being Assembly resolution 45/108, in a way commensurate with its increased responsibilities and required professional expertise;

12. Recommends also that the Council give priority attention, at its regular session of 1992, to the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, in particular to its recommendations on the implications of the resolutions of the Eighth Congress for the programme of the United Nations system, as called for in General Assembly resolution 45/121, and recommends that the report be considered in 1992 under the sub-item "Crime prevention and criminal justice".

28. At the 13th meeting, on 22 May, the representative of Italy, on behalf of the sponsors, now joined by Canada, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.3/Rev.1). The revisions were as follows:

(a) In the first preambular paragraph, the words "in particular the organization of United Nations quinquennial congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders" were deleted;

(b) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the words "implementation of" were replaced by the words "continued focus on";

(c) In the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "in which" were replaced by the word "concerning" and the words "the General Assembly was invited to take appropriate measures to ensure" were deleted;

(d) In the eighth preambular paragraph, the words "inter alia, the General Assembly welcomed the instruments and resolutions adopted by the Eighth Congress and" were replaced by the words "the Assembly";

(e) In operative paragraph 2, the words "fruitful and productive" were replaced by the word "successful" and the word "appropriate" was inserted between the words "the" and "implementation";

(f) Operative paragraph 12 was replaced by the following text:

"12. Decides to give priority attention at its regular session of 1992 to crime prevention and criminal justice under a sub-item entitled 'Crime prevention and criminal justice'."

29. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following statement on the programme budget implications of the revised draft resolution:

"Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of the revised draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.3/Rev.1), the Economic and Social Council would recommend that adequate provision be made for the participation in

meetings of the intergovernmental working group of the representatives of the least developed countries which are members of the Group, as well as to ensure their participation at the ministerial summit meeting.

"Should the draft resolution be adopted, it would be the intention of the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund and seek voluntary contributions for paying travel and subsistence allowance expenses of representatives of the least developed countries who would participate in the activities referred to in paragraph 6 of the draft resolution."

30. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 41 below, draft resolution X).

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31. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of Austria, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Austria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, 2/ the Dominican Republic, 2/ El Salvador, 2/ Jamaica, the Philippines, 2/ Poland, 2/ Romania, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.6) entitled "Strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna". Subsequently, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, 2/ Czechoslovakia and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. The draft resolution was also considered under item 9 (Advancement of women).

32. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was circulated in document E/1991/C.2/L.8.

33. At the 10th meeting, on 21 May, the representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors, orally revised the operative paragraph by replacing the words "Requests the Secretary-General to make specific recommendations in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1991-1993" by the words "Requests the Secretary-General to add to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 specific recommendations which do not increase the overall budget".

34. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.6/Rev.1), which incorporated the following changes:

(a) A fourth preambular paragraph was added, which read:

"Taking into account the programme budget implications provided by the Secretary-General contained in document E/1991/C.2/L.8";

(b) The operative paragraph was further revised to read:

"Requests the Secretary-General to add specific recommendations, within the overall level of the budget of the Organization, to the

proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to strengthen and rationalize the resources of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in order to enable it better to fulfil its mandates and carry out its activities in the social and related fields and for the advancement of women".

35. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 41 below, draft resolution XI).

Social development

36. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision (E/1991/C.2/L.19) entitled "Social development", proposed by him on the basis of informal consultations.

37. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Spain, France, Somalia, the Bahamas, Austria, the United States of America, Algeria, Czechoslovakia and Cameroon and the observer for Greece.

38. The representative of Austria proposed that the word "all" be inserted between the words "with" and "States Members".

39. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as orally amended (see para. 42 below, draft decision V).

40. After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of China made a statement.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND (SOCIAL) COMMITTEE

41. The Second (Social) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I AND III-VIII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (E/1991/26), CHAP. I, SECT. A.]

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action in the field of social development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, in which it endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future 3/ and requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of, and follow-up action to, the Guiding Principles,

Reaffirming the continued importance and value of strategies and plans of action in different social policy areas directly related to the Guiding Principles, notably those concerning the status of women, ageing, youth and disabled persons, as well as crime prevention and drug abuse, based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 4/ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 5/ and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 5/ and the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 6/

Recalling its resolution 44/65 of 8 December 1989, in which it decided, inter alia, that social issues as conceived in the Guiding Principles should become a major part of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Stressing the validity of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/48 of 28 May 1987, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to redeploy resources to ensure appropriate follow-up action to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes,

Concerned about the lack of appropriate follow-up action to the comprehensive programme of the Guiding Principles in the regions of Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and Western Asia,

1. Reaffirms the validity of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future as a major framework for action at the local, national, regional and international levels in the field of social welfare and development;

3/ E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

4/ Resolution 217 A (III).

5/ Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

6/ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on major issues and programme activities of the Secretariat and the regional commissions relating to social development and welfare and specific social groups; 7/

3. Stresses the interrelationship between economic growth and human welfare as one of the principal themes of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; 8/

4. Appeals to Governments to make use of the Guiding Principles and to apply their recommendations, as appropriate and in accordance with their national structures, needs and objectives, to inform the Secretary-General of problems in their implementation and to accelerate the follow-up action to the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes;

5. Welcomes the inclusion of the implementation of the Guiding Principles in the medium-term plan for 1992-1997 9/ and the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991, 10/ as requested in its resolution 44/65;

6. Urges the Secretary-General and the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to continue to include the implementation of the Guiding Principles in their programmes of work and to assist Governments, particularly those of the developing countries, in formulating appropriate social welfare policies in setting up effective programmes according to their needs;

7. Urges the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to give adequate attention to the recommendations for action at the regional level contained in the Guiding Principles;

8. Stresses the role of non-governmental and voluntary organizations in the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the Guiding Principles, particularly in social crisis management, as reflected in the proceedings of the international expert meeting on the role of voluntary organizations in crisis management: acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, drug abuse and mass migration as cases in point, held at Berlin, from 18 to 22 November 1990;

7/ E/CN.5/1991/3 and Corr.1 and 2 and Add.1.

8/ Resolution 45/199, annex.

9/ A/45/6 (Prog.25).

10/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

9. Urges Member States in all regions to initiate regional expert group meetings devoted to issues raised in the Guiding Principles and to translate their recommendations into specific social policy activities;

10. Welcomes the idea of holding regional conferences, for example, the Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Affairs within the European Region, to be held in Czechoslovakia in 1992, and the Fourth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development, to be held in the Philippines in October 1991;

11. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To strengthen the follow-up action to the Interregional Consultation by, inter alia, appropriately reflecting the Guiding Principles in global programmes and events, including the preparations for and observance of the International Year of the Family; 11/

(b) To strengthen advisory services to Governments, especially those of developing countries, focusing on the policy, institution-building capacity, planning, administration and training aspects of developmental social welfare;

(c) To ensure that the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, which is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Guiding Principles, is provided with sufficient resources, without incurring additional expenses, through the regular budget of the United Nations, for an effective follow-up to the Interregional Consultation;

(d) To reflect appropriately resource and programme requirements for monitoring the implementation of the Guiding Principles in the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993;

(e) To report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Economic and Social Council, on the progress achieved in the implementation of and follow-up action to the Guiding Principles and the present resolution;

12. Decides to consider the question of the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future at its forty-eighth session under the item entitled "Social development".

11/ See resolution 44/82.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

Preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family

The Economic and Social Council

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989, in which it proclaimed 1994 as International Year of the Family, designated the Commission for Social Development as the preparatory body and the Economic and Social Council as the coordinating body for the Year, and requested the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of his report and in consultation with Member States, concerned specialized agencies and interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, a draft programme for the preparation for and observance of the Year,

Recalling also its resolution 45/133 of 14 December 1990, in which it invited Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as interested national organizations, to exert all possible efforts in the preparation for and observance of the Year, and requested the Secretary-General to finalize a draft programme for the preparation for and observance of the Year and to submit it for consideration by the Commission for Social Development at its session in 1991 and by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session,

Conscious of the existence of various concepts of the family in different socio-political and cultural systems,

Noting with satisfaction that the unanimous proclamation by the General Assembly of 1994 as International Year of the Family has increased the awareness and highlighted the importance of family issues among Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as interested national organizations and, consequently, has promoted a better knowledge of the economic, social and demographic processes affecting families and their members and has focused attention on the equal rights and responsibilities of all family members,

Expressing its appreciation to Governments, specialized agencies and the non-governmental organizations concerned for the activities already taken up in support of the objectives of the International Year of the Family, thereby increasing awareness of family issues at local and national levels,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family", 12/

1. Approves for implementation the proposals of the Secretary-Gneral contained in his report;

2. Invites all Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned to step up all possible efforts in the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family;

3. Welcomes the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Voluntary Trust Fund for the Preparation for and the Observance of the Year;

4. Reaffirms its invitation to all States to take prompt action to establish national mechanisms, such as coordinating committees, to prepare for, observe and follow up the Year, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of the governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparation for and observance of the Year;

5. Requests the relevant United Nations preparatory and coordinating bodies for the Year to keep preparations for the Year under constant review;

6. Invites Governments to contribute, as far as possible, resources, including staff, to the secretariat of the Year;

7. Invites all Governments, specialized agencies, regional commissions and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as interested national organizations, to exert all possible efforts in the preparation for and observance of the Year and to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the Year;

8. Requests that in the planning and executing of programmes and activities for the Year, special attention should be given to socio-economic and cultural conditions in developing countries in the approach to family issues;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to provide effective means of coordination between the secretariat of the Year and the relevant non-governmental organizations in support of the Year;

12/ E/CN.5/1991/2.

10. Urges the Secretary-General to provide adequate staff to the secretariat of the Year and to reflect its strengthening in the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session on the state of preparations for the Year;

12. Invites the Commission for Social Development to ensure that all plans, programmes and activities related to the family are in accordance with the concept of equality between women and men as expressed in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 13/ and to ensure the incorporation into the programme of the Year of the principles relating to policies aimed at fostering equality between women and men, as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General; 12/

13. Requests the Commission for Social Development to keep the Commission on the Status of Women informed of the preparations for the Year;

14. Decides to consider the question of the International Year of the Family, on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General, at its forty-eighth session under the item entitled "Social development".

DRAFT RESOLUTION X

Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice under Economic and Social Council resolution 155 C (VII) of 13 August 1948 and General Assembly resolution 415 (V) of 1 December 1950,

Bearing in mind the important role of the United Nations in assisting Member States to formulate more effective strategies and policies to combat crime and humanize criminal justice systems,

Concerned about the escalation of crime in all its forms, particularly in its new dimensions and transnational forms, and the violence in many parts of the world, which threatens the international community, impinges on the enjoyment of basic human rights and has a negative impact on the development process,

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13/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

Recognizing the urgent need for an adequate global response to those crimes that transcend national boundaries or for any other reasons require coordinated action between States, including strengthened international mechanisms to provide criminal justice personnel with ready access to information, facilitate the exchange of technical know-how, further promote international cooperation in this field and ensure adequate coordination for practical action programmes,

Determined to ensure the continued focus on the conclusions and recommendations of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders 14/ and to make steady progress in their practical application,

Noting with concern the continuing increase in the workload of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, particularly in relation to the mandates entrusted to it by the Eighth Congress and by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/108 of 14 December 1990, the need to prioritize its programme and the need to confine its activities to the areas where a positive contribution can be made through international action,

Recalling its resolution 1990/27 of 24 May 1990 concerning, inter alia, the timely implementation and proper follow-up of the recommendations of the Eighth Congress,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/121 of 14 December 1990 in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to review the resources required to enable the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to discharge its responsibilities in accordance with the new mandates,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on crime prevention and criminal justice; 15/

2. Welcomes the successful results of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, and urges Governments to ensure the appropriate implementation of its conclusions and recommendations;

3. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to pay particular attention to the operational aspects of the resolutions of the Eighth Congress in order to assist interested countries in promoting human resources development, reinforcing their national machinery, undertaking joint

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14/ Report of the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, Havana, 27 August-7 September 1990 (A/CONF.144/28), chap. I.

15/ E/1991/19.

training activities and executing pilot and demonstration projects, and invites the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development of the Secretariat and other relevant agencies to consider giving more support to these endeavours;

4. Stresses the importance of General Assembly resolution 45/108 on the review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice in determining mechanisms for the more efficient focusing of the programme on those activities where the United Nations can make a positive contribution to the control of crime and requests the Secretary-General to assist in the proper organization of the intergovernmental working group and the ministerial summit meeting on the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme, as called for in that resolution;

5. Takes note with appreciation of the offer of the Government of France to host the ministerial summit meeting in the second half of 1991;

6. Recommends that adequate provision be made for the participation of the representatives of the least developed countries who are members of the intergovernmental working group, as well as to ensure their participation at the ministerial summit meeting;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to use his best endeavours to provide resources within the existing level of the regular budget, as required, for public information activities related to the preparation and servicing of these two meetings;

8. Invites Governments to be actively involved and to provide their support to ensure the success of the ministerial summit meeting;

9. Welcomes the initiative of the Government of Canada to establish in Canada a new international centre for criminal law reform and criminal justice policy as an institute affiliated with the United Nations, and invites the Secretary-General to conclude an agreement with the aforesaid Government as appropriate;

10. Requests the General Assembly to give priority attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the ministerial summit meeting, with a view to taking appropriate action thereon, leading to the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme;

11. Recommends that the General Assembly, in the light of this review, consider requesting the Secretary-General to enter into a commitment for the upgrading of the status of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as called for in numerous General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions, the most recent of which being Assembly resolution 45/108, in a way commensurate with its increased responsibilities and required professional expertise;

12. Decides to give priority attention at its regular session of 1992 to crime prevention and criminal justice under a sub-item entitled "Crime prevention and criminal justice".

DRAFT RESOLUTION XI

Strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the growing interest of Member States in the activities of the United Nations in the social and related fields and for the advancement of women,

Reiterating the various requests of the relevant subsidiary bodies of the Council that issues in the social and related fields receive greater attention as well as resources,

Recalling section IV of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to propose a comprehensive restructuring of United Nations entities in Vienna with a view to a speedy implementation of the express wish of the General Assembly to strengthen the United Nations Office at Vienna,

Taking into account the statement submitted by the Secretary-General concerning programme budget implications, 16/

Requests the Secretary-General to add specific recommendations, within the overall level of the budget of the organization, to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 to strengthen and rationalize the resources of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs in order to enable it better to fulfil its mandates and carry out its activities in the social and related fields and for the advancement of women.

42. The Second (Social) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

16/ E/1991/C.2/L.8.

DRAFT DECISION I

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session, and endorses the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission;

(b) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission set out below.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Review of the world social situation.

Under this item the Commission will review social conditions and issues of global concern, giving particular emphasis to the context of the changing world economy and the implications of these changes for social policies and programmes. Special attention will be given to the actual situation and particular problems in Africa and the least developed countries.

Emphasis will be placed on the review of new approaches and methods for the solution of problems based, inter alia, on recent national experience.

Documentation

1993 Report on the World Social Situation

Report of the Secretary-General on the critical social situation in Africa (draft resolution I above)

4. Monitoring of international plans and programmes of action.

Under this item, the Commission will monitor the implementation of international plans and programmes of action - specifically, the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, the guidelines for further planning and suitable

follow-up in the field of youth, the International Plan of Action on Ageing, the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (1983-1992) - and their follow-up arrangements, as well as the social components of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. In its capacity as preparatory body for the International Year of the Family, the Commission will review progress made in the preparation for and the observance of the Year, and will offer guidance for possible follow-up action to the Year.

The Commission will review concurrently the relevant activities of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat in the field of social development, including technical cooperation activities, in particular those relating to social planning and national capacity-building in social policy design and implementation, and to developmental social welfare, cooperatives, community and local-level action and family issues, as well as activities, reports and strategies relating to youth, ageing and disabled persons. The Commission will receive reports from the regional commissions on their social development and social welfare activities, as well as reports on relevant expert group meetings.

The Commission will also consider under this item a sub-item for in-depth discussion entitled "Development of a long-term strategy to implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the year 2000, with particular emphasis on national policies".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the major issues and programme activities of the Secretariat and the regional commissions relating to social development and welfare and specific social groups (Economic and Social Council resolution 1981/20 and draft resolutions II, IV, V, VI and VII above)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family (draft resolution III above)

Report of the meeting of experts, to be held in Vancouver, Canada, in 1992, in conjunction with the conference entitled "Independence 1992" on the subject of a long-term strategy to implement the World Programme of Action concerning disabled persons to the year 2000 and beyond (draft resolution V above)

Report of the ad hoc open-ended working group to elaborate standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons (Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/26 and Commission resolution 32/2 above)

Note by the Secretary-General containing a draft calendar of activities to mark the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace and a draft world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond (draft resolution VII above)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (draft resolution VIII above)

5. Priority subjects.

Under this item, the Commission will consider in depth the social consequences of population growth and changing social conditions with particular emphasis on the family, bearing in mind the various concepts of the family in different political, social and cultural systems.

The Commission will consider the conclusions and recommendations of relevant expert group meetings, focusing on policy measures and taking into account the special concerns of the developing countries.

Documentation

Report of the expert group meeting on the social consequences of population growth and changing social conditions with particular emphasis on the family

6. Other matters.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the draft proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

7. Provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission.

8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-third session.

DRAFT DECISION II

Programme questions

The Economic and Social Council, reaffirming the importance of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, and the need to translate them into concrete action, decides to request the Secretary-General to identify the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as the focal point for social policy research and advisory services for countries undergoing economic and social policy adjustment and to report to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session on the progress achieved in that area.

DRAFT DECISION III

Confirmation of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council, on the nomination by the Commission for Social Development, in its decision 32/101, decides to confirm the following candidates for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development for a four-year term, beginning on 1 July 1991:

Kinhide MUSHAKOJI (Japan);

Guillermo O'DONNEL (Argentina);

Rehman SOBHAN (Bangladesh);

Fahima CHARAF-EDDINE (Lebanon);

Georgina DUFOIX (France).

DRAFT DECISION IV

In-depth consideration of major social policy themes by the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council takes note of Commission for Social Development resolution 32/3 17/ and decides to consider the recommendations contained in that resolution at its organizational session for 1992.

17/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 6 (E/1991/26), chap. I, sect. D.

DRAFT DECISION V

Social development

The Economic and Social Council, taking into account the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-second session 18/ and bearing in mind the discussions held in the Second (Social) Committee at its first regular session of 1991, decides to request the Secretary-General to carry out consultations with all States Members of the Organization on the possibility of convening a world summit for social development and to report to it on the matter at its regular session of 1992.

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HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS

Report of the Second (Social) Committee

1. The Second (Social) Committee considered human rights questions (agenda item 8) at its 7th to 9th and 11th to 16th meetings, on 17 May and from 20 to 24 May 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 5 January 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/59-E/1991/7);

(b) Letter dated 19 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/71-E/1991/9);

(c) Note verbale dated 6 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/166-E/1991/71);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others (E/1991/18);

(e) Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-seventh session; 1/

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement Nos. 2 and 2A (E/1991/22 and Add.1).

(f) Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fifth session; 2/

(g) Note by the Secretary-General on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights in South Africa (E/1991/41);

(h) Letter dated 19 March 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1991/48);

(i) Note by the Secretariat transmitting the general comments of the Human Rights Committee adopted at its forty-first session (E/1991/53);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights (E/1991/57);

(k) Letter dated 17 April 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/1991/60);

(l) Programme budget implications of draft resolutions I and III and draft decision 30 recommended to the Economic and Social Council for adoption by the Commission on Human Rights (E/1991/C.2/L.18);

(m) Statement submitted by the International Federation of Women Lawyers, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/1991/NGO/1);

(n) Statement submitted by the Four Directions Council, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/1991/NGO/2);

(o) Statement submitted by the American Association of Jurists, the International Federation of Human Rights and the International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/1991/NGO/3).

2. At the 7th to 9th and 11th to 14th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 7th meeting, on 17 May, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights.

3. At the 8th meeting, on 20 May, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the observers for Luxembourg (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community) and Cuba.

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 3 (E/1991/23 and Corr.1).

4. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics made a statement.

5. At the 11th meeting, on 21 May, statements were made by the representatives of New Zealand, Yugoslavia, the United States of America, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic and Sweden. The observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement. Statements were also made by the observers for the World Muslim Congress, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, the World Federation of Trade Unions, the International Alliance of Women - Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities and the Muslim World League, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

6. At the 12th meeting, on 22 May, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Canada, Tunisia, Argentina and China.

7. At the 13th meeting, on 22 May, statements were made by the representatives of Romania, Zambia, Brazil, Indonesia, Czechoslovakia, Morocco and Mexico and the observers for the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Colombia, Albania, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Philippines.

8. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, Japan, Peru, Ecuador, Turkey, Iraq, Austria and Pakistan and the observers for Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries), El Salvador, Uganda, Viet Nam, Myanmar, Angola, Venezuela, Cyprus and Greece.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Human Rights

9. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its forty-seventh session (E/1991/22) contained 7 draft resolutions and 31 draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. Programme budget implications of the proposals were set out in annex III to the addendum to the report (E/1991/22/Add.1) and in document E/1991/C.2/L.18.

Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist regime of South Africa

10. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to the racist and colonialist regime of South Africa", by a recorded vote of 33 to 17 (see para. 89 below, draft resolution I). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chile, China, Ecuador, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Abstaining: None.

The representative of Nicaragua stated that he had voted in favour of the draft resolution, but that his vote was not reflected on the record.

11. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of New Zealand made a statement.

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances

12. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances" (see para. 89 below, draft resolution II).

Right to a fair trial

13. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Right to a fair trial" (see para. 89 below, draft resolution III).

Question of a draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care

14. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Question of a draft body of principles for the protection of persons with mental illness and for the improvement of mental health care" (see para. 89 below, draft resolution IV).

Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

15. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities" (see para. 89 below, draft resolution V).

Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

16. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms" (see para. 89 below, draft resolution VI).

Strengthening of the independence of the experts members of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

17. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee considered draft resolution VII, entitled "Strengthening of the independence of the experts members of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities".

18. Also at the 15th meeting, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic orally proposed the following amendment to the draft resolution:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Taking note of resolution 1991/81 of the Commission on Human Rights,

"1. Reaffirms the independence and impartiality of the experts members of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

"2. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission on Human Rights on the relevant ways and means to strengthen the independence of the experts members of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities".

19. Statements in connection with the text proposed by the Syrian Arab Republic were made by the representatives of Morocco, France, Pakistan, Mexico, China, the United States of America, Zaire and Algeria.

20. The Chairman ruled that the text proposed by the Syrian Arab Republic constituted a new proposal and proposed that action be taken on draft resolution VII first.

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 31 to 6, with 17 abstentions (see para. 89 below, draft resolution VII). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Guinea, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Romania, Rwanda, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Burkina Faso, China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Zambia.

Abstaining: Algeria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Botswana, Cameroon, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Malaysia, Niger, Pakistan, Peru, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

22. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Peru made a statement.

23. At the same meeting, the representative of Morocco proposed that, in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution proposed orally by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic (see para. 18 above), the words "Reaffirms the independence" should be replaced by the words "Reaffirms the need for the independence".

24. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic withdrew the draft resolution proposed orally at the 15th meeting.

Use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

25. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Secretary of the Committee informed the Committee that since draft decision 1, entitled "Use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination", was considered to be within the scope of perennial activities for which resources would normally be provided from within the existing provision for the Economic and Social Council mandates, the costs for the activities under that draft decision could be absorbed.

26. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 90 below, draft decision I).

27. After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

28. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 2, entitled "Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination" (see para. 90 below, draft decision II).

29. After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve those human rights

30. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 3, entitled "Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve those human rights" (see para. 90 below, draft decision III).

Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others

31. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 4, entitled "Respect for the right of everyone to own property alone as well as in association with others" (see para. 90 below, draft decision IV).

Situation of human rights in South Africa

32. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 5, entitled "Situation of human rights in South Africa" (see para. 90 below, draft decision V).

Internally displaced persons

33. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 6, entitled "Internally displaced persons" (see para. 90 below, draft decision VI).

World Conference on Human Rights

34. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Secretary of the Committee informed the Committee that the resources required for draft decision 7, entitled "World Conference on Human Rights", were included in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991".

35. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 90 below, draft decision VII). After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: report of the Special Rapporteur

36. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 8, entitled "Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment: report of the Special Rapporteur" (see para. 90 below, draft decision VIII).

Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers

37. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 9, entitled "Independence and impartiality of the judiciary, jurors and assessors and the independence of lawyers" (see para. 90 below, draft decision IX).

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances

38. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 10, entitled "Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances" (see para. 90 below, draft decision X).

Question of arbitrary detention

39. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 11, entitled "Question of arbitrary detention" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XI).

Human rights and the environment

40. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 12, entitled "Human rights and the environment", by a recorded vote of 52 to 1, with 1 abstention (see para. 90 below, draft decision XII). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Rwanda, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Japan.

41. After the draft decision was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Romania and the United States of America.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief

42. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 13, entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XIII).

Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights

43. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 14, entitled "Assistance to Guatemala in the field of human rights" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XIV).

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography

44. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 15, entitled "Report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XV).

Work of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

45. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 16, entitled "Work of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XVI).

46. After the draft decision was adopted, a statement was made by the representative of the United States of America.

Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities

47. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 17, entitled "Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XVII).

Possible ways and means of facilitating the peaceful and constructive solution of problems involving minorities

48. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 18, entitled "Possible ways and means of facilitating the peaceful and constructive solution of problems involving minorities" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XVIII).

Situation of human rights in Kuwait under Iraqi occupation

49. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 19, entitled "Situation of human rights in Kuwait under Iraqi occupation", by a recorded vote of 50 to 1 (see para. 90 below, draft decision XIX). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Rwanda, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Iraq.

Abstaining: None.

50. After the draft decision was adopted, the representative of Iraq made a statement.

Situation of human rights in Cuba

51. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 20, entitled "Situation of human rights in Cuba", by a recorded vote of 19 to 11, with 23 abstentions (see para. 90 below, draft decision XX). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

Against: Algeria, Burkina Faso, China, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Malaysia, Somalia, Syrian Arab Republic, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Zambia.

Abstaining: Bahamas, Botswana, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, Ecuador, Guinea, Indonesia, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Yugoslavia, Zaire.

52. Before the draft decision was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Zambia and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the observer for Cuba.

Situation of human rights in Romania

53. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 21, entitled "Situation of human rights in Romania" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXI).

Cooperation with representatives of United Nations human rights bodies

54. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 22, entitled "Cooperation with representatives of United Nations human rights bodies" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXII).

Summary or arbitrary executions

55. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 23, entitled "Summary or arbitrary executions" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXIII).

Situation of human rights in Iraq

56. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the representative of the Centre for Human Rights stated in connection with the programme budget implications of decision 24, entitled "Situation of human rights in Iraq", contained in paragraphs 204-214 of document E/1991/22/Add.1, that paragraph 214 should be deleted.

57. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision by a recorded vote of 43 to 1, with 4 abstentions (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXIV). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Guinea, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Peru, Romania, Rwanda, Somalia, Spain, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia.

Against: Iraq.

Abstaining: China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan.

58. After the draft decision was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Iraq and the United States of America.

Situation of human rights in El Salvador

59. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 25, entitled "Situation of human rights in El Salvador" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXV).

Situation of human rights in Haiti

60. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 26, entitled "Situation of human rights in Haiti" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXVI).

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

61. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 27, entitled "Situation of human rights in Afghanistan" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXVII).

Situation in Equatorial Guinea

62. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 28, entitled "Situation in Equatorial Guinea" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXVIII).

Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

63. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 29, entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXIX).

64. After the draft decision was adopted, a statement was made by the representative of the United States of America.

Question of human rights and states of emergency

65. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 30, entitled "Question of human rights and states of emergency" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXX).

Organization of the work of the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights

66. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision 31, entitled "Organization of the work of the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXXI).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

67. Chapter I of the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fifth session (E/1991/23 and Corr.1) contained two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council.

Non-submission of reports by States parties

68. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Chairman informed the Committee that in connection with draft decision I, entitled "Non-submission of reports by States parties", the reports of Iceland and Uruguay under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights had recently been submitted and that accordingly the names of those two States should be deleted from the draft decision.

69. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision, as amended (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXXII).

Public information

70. At the 15th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Public information" (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXXIII).

Other proposals

Situation of human rights in southern Lebanon

71. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the representative of Jordan introduced a draft decision (E/1991/C.2/L.9) entitled "Situation of human rights in southern Lebanon".

72. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXXIV).

International Covenants on Human Rights

73. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the observer for the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, on behalf of Austria, Bulgaria, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, 3/ Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, 3/ Finland, Iceland, 3/ Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, 3/ Poland, Romania, Sweden, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.11) entitled "International Covenants on Human Rights". Subsequently, Hungary joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

3/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

74. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the representative of Algeria proposed an amendment to the draft resolution, by which, in operative paragraph 12, the words "the Commission against Apartheid in Sports and the Group of Three established under the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid" would be inserted after the words "the Committee on the Rights of the Child". This amendment was accepted by the sponsors.

75. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as revised (see para. 89 below, draft resolution VIII).

United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

76. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of Colombia, 3/ Costa Rica, 3/ Ecuador, the Gambia, 3/ the Netherlands, the Philippines, 3/ Portugal, 3/ Romania and Venezuela, 3/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.12) entitled "United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery".

77. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 89 below, draft resolution IX).

Suppression of the traffic in persons

78. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of Belgium, 3/ Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, France, the Gambia, 3/ the Netherlands, Nicaragua, the Philippines, 3/ Romania and Venezuela, 3/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.13) entitled "Suppression of the traffic in persons".

79. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the representative of the Netherlands, on behalf of the sponsors, revised the draft resolution by replacing operative paragraph 4, which read:

> "4. Requests the Secretary-General to assign the staff member who was appointed to serve the Working Group and undertake other activities relating to contemporary forms of slavery in the post which has been included in the budget of the Centre for Human Rights for questions relating to slavery and slavery-like practices, on a full-time basis, and to report to the Council on the steps taken at its first regular session in 1992",

by the following text:

> "4. Urges the Secretary-General to ensure effective servicing of the Working Group and of other activities related to contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices, and requests him to report to the Council at its regular session of 1992 on the steps taken".

80. Also at the 16th meeting, the representative of Algeria proposed that the words "of their obligation to" in operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, be replaced by the words "that they should". This amendment was accepted by the sponsors.

81. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised (see para. 89 below, draft resolution X).

Developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights

82. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the observer for Greece, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Australia, 3/ Austria, Belgium, 3/ Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, 3/ Chile, Costa Rica, 3/ Cyprus, 3/ Czechoslovakia, Denmark, 3/ the Dominican Republic, 3/ El Salvador, 3/ Finland, France, the Gambia, 3/ Germany, Ghana, 3/ Greece, 3/ Guatemala, 3/ Guinea-Bissau, 3/ Haiti, 3/ Hungary, 3/ Iceland, 3/ Indonesia, Ireland, 3/ Italy, Liechtenstein, 3/ Luxembourg, 3/ Madagascar, 3/ Mauritania, 3/ Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, 3/ Norway, 3/ Pakistan, Panama, 3/ Paraguay, 3/ Peru, the Philippines, 3/ Poland, 3/ Portugal, 3/ Romania, Senegal, 3/ Spain, Sweden, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela 3/ and Zimbabwe, 3/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.14) entitled "Developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights".

83. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 89 below, draft resolution XI).

Situation in Cambodia

84. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the Committee had before it a draft decision (E/1991/C.2/L.15) entitled "Situation in Cambodia" submitted by the Chairman of the Committee.

85. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 90 below, draft decision XXXV).

Infringements of trade union rights in South Africa

86. At the 14th meeting, on 23 May, the observer for Burundi, on behalf of the African States, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.16) entitled "Infringements of trade union rights in South Africa".

87. At the 16th meeting, on 24 May, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 89 below, draft resolution XII).

88. Before the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of the United States of America made a statement.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND (SOCIAL) COMMITTEE

89. The Second (Social) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-VII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (E/1991/22), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

International Covenants on Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind its important responsibilities in relation to the coordination of activities to promote the International Covenants on Human Rights, 4/

Mindful that the International Covenants on Human Rights constitute the first all-embracing and legally binding international treaties in the field of human rights and, together with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 5/ form the core of the International Bill of Rights,

Recalling the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 4/ the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 4/ and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 4/ and reaffirming that all human rights and fundamental freedoms are indivisible and interrelated and that the promotion and protection of one category of rights should never exempt or excuse States from the promotion and protection of the other rights,

Recognizing the important role of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in promoting and implementing the International Covenants on Human Rights,

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4/ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

5/ General Assembly resolution 217 A (III).

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its fifth session, 6/ as well as the general comments of the Human Rights Committee adopted at its thirty-ninth session, 7/

Noting, in this regard, that a number of States Members of the United Nations have yet to become parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights,

Considering that the effective functioning of treaty bodies established in accordance with the relevant provisions of international instruments on human rights plays a fundamental role and hence represents an important continuing concern of the United Nations,

1. Reaffirms the importance of the International Covenants on Human Rights as major parts of the international effort to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. Appeals strongly to all States that have not yet done so to become parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to consider acceding to the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

3. Invites the States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to consider making the declaration provided for in article 41 of the Covenant;

4. Appeals to States parties to the Covenants that have exercised their sovereign right to make reservations in accordance with relevant rules of international law to consider whether any such reservations should be reviewed;

5. Invites the Secretary-General to intensify the systematic efforts to encourage States to become parties to the International Covenants on Human Rights and, through the programme of advisory services in the field of human rights, to provide technical assistance to the States that are not parties to the Covenants, with a view to assisting them in ratifying or acceding to the Covenants;

6. Emphasizes the importance of the strictest compliance by States parties to the Covenants with their obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and, where applicable, the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

6/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 3 (E/1991/23 and Corr.1).

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 40 (A/45/40), vol. I, annex VI.

7. Stresses the importance of avoiding the erosion of human rights by derogation and the need for strict observance of all the agreed conditions and procedures for derogation under article 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

8. Welcomes the continuing efforts of the Human Rights Committee to strive for uniform standards in the implementation of the provisions of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and appeals to other bodies dealing with similar questions of human rights to respect those standards as expressed in the general comments of the Human Rights Committee;

9. Also welcomes the adoption by the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of a general comment at both its third 8/ and fourth 9/ sessions, and encourages the Committee to continue using that mechanism to develop a fuller appreciation of the obligations of States parties under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

10. Further welcomes the fact that the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in its general comment on article 2 (1) of the Covenant, adopted at its fifth session, 10/ dealt with the nature of States parties' obligations;

11. Invites States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, in conformity with article 2, paragraph 1, of the Covenant, to consider identifying benchmarks to measure achievements in the progressive realization of the rights recognized in the Covenant and, in this context, to pay particular regard to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to keep the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights informed of the relevant activities of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee against Torture, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Commission against Apartheid in Sports, the Group of Three established under the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid, and, where appropriate, other functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and the specialized agencies, and to transmit the annual reports of the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to all those bodies;

8/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1989, Supplement No. 4 (E/1989/22), annex III.

9/ Ibid., 1990, Supplement No. 3 (E/1990/23), annex III.

10/ Ibid., 1991, Supplement No. 3 (E/1991/23 and Corr.1), annex III.

13. Encourages all Governments to publicize the texts of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, in as many languages as possible, and to distribute them and make them known as widely as possible in their territories;

14. Invites States parties to the Covenants, at their regular meetings in 1992, to consider the general comments adopted by the Human Rights Committee and the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;

15. Also decides to transmit the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session for consideration under the agenda item entitled "Human rights questions".

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its decisions 16 (LVI) and 17 (LVI) of 17 May 1974, by which it authorized the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to establish a Working Group on Slavery, renamed the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1988/42 of 8 March 1988, 11/

Taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/58 of 6 March 1991, 12/ by which it requested the Economic and Social Council to take further action on its recommendation to the General Assembly to establish a voluntary fund on contemporary forms of slavery,

Gravely concerned that slavery, the slave trade, slavery-like practices and even modern manifestations of this phenomenon still exist, representing some of the gravest violations of human rights,

Convinced that the establishment of a voluntary trust fund on contemporary forms of slavery would constitute a significant development for the protection of human rights of victims of contemporary forms of slavery,

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11/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1988, Supplement No. 2 (E/1988/12 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

12/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

1. Requests the General Assembly to establish a voluntary trust fund in accordance with the following criteria:

(a) The name of the Fund shall be the United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;

(b) The purposes of the Fund shall be, first, to assist representatives of non-governmental organizations from different regions, dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery, to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery by providing them with financial assistance and, second, to extend, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery;

(c) Funding shall take place by means of voluntary contributions from Governments, non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities;

(d) The only types of activity to be supported by the Fund are those described in subparagraph (b) above;

(e) The only beneficiaries from the Fund shall be:

(i) Representatives from non-governmental organizations dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery:

a. Who are so considered by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery described in subparagraph (f) below;

b. Who would not, in the opinion of the Board, be able to attend the sessions of the Working Group without the assistance provided by the Fund;

c. Who would be able to contribute to a deeper knowledge on the part of the Working Group of the problems relating to contemporary forms of slavery;

(ii) Individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery and who are so considered by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery;

(f) The Fund shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and other relevant provisions, with the advice of a Board of Trustees composed of five persons with relevant experience in the field of human rights and contemporary forms of slavery in particular, who will serve in their personal capacity; the members of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Secretary-General for a three-year

term renewable in consultation with the current Chairman of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and with due regard to equitable geographical distribution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION X

Suppression of the traffic in persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1982/20 of 10 March 1982 13/ on the question of slavery and the slave trade in all their practices and manifestations, including the slavery-like practices of apartheid and colonialism, and 1988/42 of 8 March 1988, 14/ 1989/35 of 6 March 1989, 15/ 1990/63 of 7 March 1990 16/ and 1991/58 of 6 March 1991 17/ on the report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling also its resolutions 1982/20 of 4 May 1982 and 1983/30 of 26 May 1983 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, 1988/34 of 27 May 1988 and 1989/74 of 24 May 1989 on the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and 1990/46 of 25 May 1990,

Considering that the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Economic and Social Council on the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others 18/ still constitutes a useful basis for further action,

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13/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1982, Supplement No. 2 (E/1982/12), chap. XXVI, sect. A.

14/ Ibid., 1988, Supplement No. 2 (E/1988/12 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

15/ Ibid., 1989, Supplement No. 2 (E/1989/20), chap. II, sect. A.

16/ Ibid., 1990, Supplement No. 2 (E/1990/22 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

17/ Ibid., 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

18/ E/1983/7 and Corr.1 and 2.

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others, 19/

Noting that only a few Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations have submitted information on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30,

Gravely concerned that slavery, the slave trade and slavery-like practices still exist, that there are modern manifestations of those phenomena and that such practices represent some of the gravest violations of human rights,

Aware of the complexity of the issue of the suppression of the traffic in persons and the exploitation of the prostitution of others, and the need for further coordination and cooperation to implement the recommendations made by the Special Rapporteur and by various United Nations bodies,

1. Reminds States parties to the Slavery Convention of 1926, 20/ the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956, 20/ and the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others of 1949 20/ that they should submit to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities regular reports on the situation in their countries, as provided for under the relevant conventions and under Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI) of 17 May 1974;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/30 on the suppression of the traffic in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others; 19/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a further report to the Council, at its regular session of 1992, on the steps taken to implement the recommendations contained in Council resolution 1983/30 by those Member States, United Nations organizations and other intergovernmental organizations that have not yet submitted such information and to make that report available to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities;

19/ E/1991/18.

20/ See Human Rights: A Compilation of International Instruments (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.88.XIV.1), sect. F.

4. Urges the Secretary-General to ensure effective servicing of the Working Group and of other activities related to contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices, and requests him to report to the Council at its regular session of 1992 on the steps taken;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to designate the Centre for Human Rights as the focal point for the coordination of activities in the United Nations for the suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

6. Urges the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to collaborate closely with the Centre for Human Rights on the issue of suppression of contemporary forms of slavery;

7. Endorses the recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1991/58, that the supervisory bodies of the International Labour Organisation give particular attention in their work to the implementation of provisions and standards to ensure protection of children and other persons exposed to contemporary forms of slavery;

8. Endorses the recommendation of the Commission on Human Rights, in its resolution 1991/58, that the Human Rights Committee, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child, when examining periodic reports of States parties, give particular attention to the implementation of, respectively, articles 8 and 24 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, articles 10, 12 and 13 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, article 6 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and articles 32, 34, 35 and 36 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child with a view to combating contemporary forms of slavery;

9. Decides to consider the question of the suppression of traffic in persons at its regular session of 1992 under the agenda item entitled "Human rights questions".

DRAFT RESOLUTION XI

Developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/180 of 21 December 1990, Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/23 of 5 March 1991 21/ and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/47 of 25 May 1990,

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21/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

Recalling also section V of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B of 21 December 1990, concerning interim measures for additional human resources for the Centre for Human Rights,

Recognizing the important role of the Centre for Human Rights in the promotion, protection and implementation of human rights and the need to provide sufficient human resources to the Centre, particularly in view of the fact that its workload has greatly increased while resources have failed to keep pace with the expansion of its responsibilities, 22/

1. Notes with regret that the report requested in paragraph 3 of the Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/23 has not been submitted to the Council;

2. Notes that the workload of the Centre for Human Rights has further increased due to the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights;

3. Expresses its concern that unless appropriate financial measures are taken, the reduced efficiency of the servicing of human rights bodies by the Secretariat could be further impaired;

4. Calls upon the General Assembly to take into account the discrepancy between the Centre's resources and its increased responsibilities and, in accordance with established procedures, to take appropriate and prompt action to rectify the problem;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/180 and Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/23, to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session a progress report on developments relating to the activities of the Centre for Human Rights.

DRAFT RESOLUTION XII

Infringements of trade union rights in South Africa

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1989/82 of 24 May 1989, in which it requested the Secretary-General to persist in his efforts to ensure referral of the complaint made by the Congress of South African Trade Unions to the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association of the International Labour Organisation,

Recalling also its resolution 1990/44 of 25 May 1990,

22/ E/1990/50 and A/45/807.

Taking note of the note by the Secretary-General on allegations regarding infringements of trade union rights, 23/

Having examined the relevant section of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights, 24/

Noting the evolving situation in South Africa,

Aware of the ever-growing importance of the independent black trade union movement in the struggle against apartheid,

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General 23/ submitted pursuant to Council resolution 1989/82, circulating the note verbale dated 27 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General;

2. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for persisting in his efforts to ensure the implementation of paragraph 9 of Council resolution 1989/82;

3. Regrets that the apartheid regime in South Africa has placed some conditions on its decision to agree that the allegations made by the Congress of South African Trade Unions should be referred to the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association of the International Labour Organisation, and invites it to cooperate fully in the matter;

4. Decides to transmit to the Fact-finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association, through the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, the allegations of infringement of trade union rights made by the Congress of South African Trade Unions in May 1988;

5. Demands once again the unimpeded exercise of trade union rights, the immediate unconditional release of all trade unionists imprisoned for exercising their legitimate trade union rights and the cessation of the persecution of trade unionists and repression of the independent black trade union movement;

6. Takes note of the relevant section of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa of the Commission on Human Rights; 24/

7. Requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa to continue to study the situation and to report thereon to the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council;

23/ E/1991/57.

24/ E/1991/41, annex.

8. Also requests the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts on southern Africa, in discharging its mandate, to consult with the International Labour Organisation and the Special Committee Against Apartheid, as well as with international and African trade union confederations;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Council, at its regular session of 1992, for consideration and action, as appropriate, a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

90. The Second (Social) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I-XXXI, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (E/1991/22), CHAP. I, SECT. B]

DRAFT DECISION XXXII

Non-submission of reports by States parties

The Economic and Social Council, recalling the concern that it has frequently expressed at the non-submission of reports by States parties to international human rights treaties, appeals to the following States, which have been parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for more than ten years but which have yet to submit even the initial report required by the Covenant, to do so as soon as possible: El Salvador, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Sri Lanka and Suriname. The Council notes that these States might wish to avail themselves of the advisory services available from the Centre for Human Rights to assist them in the preparation of their overdue reports.

DRAFT DECISION XXXIII

Public information

The Economic and Social Council, noting the importance that it has consistently attached to public information activities in the field of human rights, requests the Secretary-General to undertake, as soon as possible, the preparation and publication of a brochure or booklet describing in detail the work of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

DRAFT DECISION XXXIV

Situation of human rights in southern Lebanon

The Economic and Social Council takes note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/66 of 6 March 1991 25/ and endorses the Commission's request that the Secretary-General bring that resolution to the attention of the Government concerned and report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the results of his efforts in that regard.

DRAFT DECISION XXXV

Situation in Cambodia

1. The Economic and Social Council, fully concerned about the protection of human rights in Cambodia, endorses Commission on Human Rights decision 1991/104 of 15 February 1991 26/ and reaffirms the right of the people of Cambodia to exercise their fundamental freedoms and human rights, including their right to self-determination.

2. The Council welcomes Security Council resolution 668 (1990) of 20 September 1990 and General Assembly resolution 45/3 of 15 October 1990 endorsing the framework for a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodian conflict, which has been accepted in its entirety by all the Cambodian parties as the basis for settling the Cambodian conflict. The Council also welcomes the draft agreements of 26 November 1990 27/ and the final statement 28/ of the meeting between the co-chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia and members of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia on 23 December 1990.

3. The Council further welcomes the formation of a Supreme National Council as the unique legitimate body and source of authority in which, throughout the transitional period, the independence, national sovereignty and unity of Cambodia is embodied. The Council urges that, in working towards the goal of a comprehensive political settlement, the Cambodian leaders should cooperate in assuming their responsibilities in order to achieve national reconciliation.

25/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 2 (E/1991/22), chap. II, sect. A.

26/ Ibid., sect. B.

27/ A/46/61-S/22059, annex II.

28/ Ibid., annex I.

4. The Council also urges all parties to the conflict to exercise maximum self-restraint so as to create a climate conducive to the achievement and implementation of a comprehensive political settlement, as reiterated in the appeal of the co-chairmen of the Paris Conference on Cambodia and the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 22 April 1991 for a voluntary cease-fire in Cambodia.

5. The Council expresses the hope that the Paris Conference on Cambodia will be reconvened as soon as possible in order to adopt the agreement on a comprehensive political settlement and that a detailed plan of implementation will be drawn up in accordance with the agreement, providing, inter alia, for the full restoration of the human rights of the Cambodian people, including their inalienable right to self-determination in free and fair elections organized and conducted by the United Nations in a neutral political environment with full respect for the national sovereignty of Cambodia, and recognizing the need to promote and encourage respect for and full observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia.

6. The Council once again expresses its grave concern at the plight of the Cambodian displaced persons still stranded in Thailand as a result of the continuing hostilities in Cambodia.

7. The Council requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor closely the developments in Cambodia and to intensify efforts, including the use of his good offices, to bring about a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodian problem and to promote and encourage respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms in Cambodia.

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ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Report of the Second (Social) Committee

1. The Second (Social) Committee considered the question of the advancement of women (agenda item 9) at its 5th to 10th and 14th meetings, on 16, 17, 20, 21 and 23 May 1991. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its tenth session (A/46/38); 1/

(b) Letter dated 2 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/77-E/1991/13);

(c) Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its eleventh session (E/1991/21);

(d) Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-fifth session (E/1991/28); 2/

(e) Statement submitted by the International Federation of Women Lawyers, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II (E/1991/NGO/1).

1/ To be issued as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38.

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 28.

2. At the 5th to 7th and 10th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 5th meeting, on 16 May, the Committee heard an introductory statement by the Director of the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. A statement was also made by the Officer-in-Charge of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

3. At the 5th meeting, on 16 May, statements were made by the representatives of China, Algeria and Iraq and by the observer for Luxembourg (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community). A statement was also made by the observer for the European Community.

4. At the 6th meeting, on 16 May, statements were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), Yugoslavia, France, Turkey, Mexico, Jamaica, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and New Zealand and by the observer for the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

5. At the 7th meeting, on 17 May, statements were made by the representatives of Finland (also on behalf of Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden), the United States of America, Indonesia, Pakistan, Canada, the Bahamas, Czechoslovakia, Thailand and Morocco and by the observers for Egypt, Ghana, Albania and Norway.

6. At the 8th meeting, on 20 May, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and Kenya and by the observers for Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

7. At the 10th meeting, on 21 May, statements were made by the representative of Ecuador and the observers for the Philippines and the Republic of Korea. The representative of the World Bank also made a statement. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, the World Federation of Trade Unions and the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-fifth session

8. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-fifth session (E/1991/28) contained seven draft resolutions and two draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council.

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

9. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat" (see para. 26 below, draft resolution I).

Violence against women in all its forms

10. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Violence against women in all its forms" (see para. 26 below, draft resolution II).

Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women

11. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women" by a recorded vote of 36 to 1, with 10 abstentions (see para. 26 below, draft resolution III). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Ecuador, Finland, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Romania, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The representative of Nicaragua stated that, although her delegation had voted in favour of the draft resolution, her affirmative vote did not appear on the voting record.

12. After the draft resolution was adopted, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

Women and children under apartheid

13. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Women and children under apartheid", by a recorded vote of 31 to 1, with 16 abstentions (see para. 26 below, draft resolution IV). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Algeria, Argentina, Bahamas, Bahrain, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Chile, China, Ecuador, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Rwanda, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Yugoslavia, Zambia.

Against: United States of America.

Abstaining: Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

14. After the draft resolution was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Turkey and Japan.

Disabled women

15. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Disabled women" (see para. 26 below, draft resolution V).

National, regional and international machinery for the advancement of women

16. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee was informed that draft resolution VI, entitled "National, regional and international machinery for the advancement of women" had no programme budget implications. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution (see para. 26 below, draft resolution VI).

Refugees and displaced women and children

17. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Refugees and displaced women and children" (see para. 26 below, draft resolution VII).

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-fifth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission

18. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its thirty-fifth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission" (see para. 27 below, draft decision I).

Request for additional conference facilities during the thirty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

19. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the Committee was informed that draft decision II, entitled "Request for additional conference facilities during the thirty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women" had no programme budget implications. The Committee then adopted the draft decision (see para. 27 below, draft decision II).

Other proposals

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

20. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, the Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, 3/ Cuba, 3/ the Dominican Republic, 3/ Ecuador, Egypt, 3/ El Salvador, 3/ Greece, 3/ Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Peru, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.4) entitled "International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women". Subsequently, Bangladesh, Colombia and Morocco joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

21. At the 10th meeting, on 21 May, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 26 below, draft resolution VIII).

Elimination of discrimination against women in accordance with the aims of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

22. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of Finland, on behalf of Australia, 3/ Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, 3/ Finland, France, Germany, Greece, 3/ Iceland, 3/ Indonesia, Ireland, 3/ Italy, Mexico, Norway, 3/ the Philippines, 3/ Spain, Sweden, Turkey and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.5) entitled "Elimination of discrimination against women in accordance with the aims of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women". Subsequently, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

23. At the 10th meeting, on 21 May, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 26 below, draft resolution IX).

Strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna

24. At the 9th meeting, on 20 May, the representative of Austria, on behalf of Algeria, Argentina, Austria, the Bahamas, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, 3/ the Dominican Republic, 3/ El Salvador, 3/ Jamaica, the Philippines, 3/ Poland, 3/ Romania, Sweden and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, introduced a draft resolution (E/1991/C.2/L.6) entitled "Strengthening and rationalizing the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna". Subsequently, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, 3/ Czechoslovakia and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. The draft resolution was also considered under agenda item 7 (Social development). For action by the Committees see the report of the Committee on that item (E/1991/85).

3/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

25. A statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was issued in document E/1991/C.2/L.8.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND (SOCIAL) COMMITTEE

26. The Second (Social) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-VII, SEE THE REPORT OF OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (E/1991/28, CHAP. I, SECT. A)].

DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1990/16 of 24 May 1990, in which it took note of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its tenth session, 4/

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on its eleventh session, 5/

Convinced of the important impact of the work of the Institute in the areas of research, training and information on questions related to women and development, work that is an essential prerequisite for bringing about changes in development that benefit women and society,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its eleventh session and the decisions contained therein; 5/

2. Commends the Institute for its efforts to integrate its research and training activities into the mainstream of development at the regional and national levels;

3. Reaffirms the catalytic role of the Institute in elaborating methodologies for carrying out research, training and information activities in new areas of interest affecting women and development;

4/ E/1990/34.

5/ E/1991/21.

4. Takes note with appreciation of the fact that the Institute is continuing to consider ways to strengthen its cooperation with the regional commissions and their national coordination centres and thereby expand its work at the regional and national levels;

5. Renews its appeal to Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other potential donors to continue contributing and, to the extent possible, to increase their contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, thus ensuring the continuity and expansion of the Institute's work;

6. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States that have contributed to the Trust Fund for the Institute, which has enabled it to carry out its mandate to meet new challenges and take account of new trends in the areas of research, training and information related to women and development;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to appoint, as soon as possible, the Director of the Institute so that she may take up her duties within the framework of the mandate as established by the Statute of the Institute.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IX

Elimination of discrimination against women in accordance with the aims of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, by which it adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 45/124 of 14 December 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/17 of 24 May 1990,

Noting resolutions 35/1 of 7 March 1991 and 35/3 of 8 March 1991 adopted by the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-fifth session, 6/

Noting that in resolution 45/124, the General Assembly strongly supported the view of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women that the Secretary-General should accord higher priority within existing resources to strengthening technical and substantive support for the Committee,

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6/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 8 (E/1991/28), chap. I, sect. C.

Having considered the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its tenth session, 7/

Noting that the Committee agreed, in examining reports, to take due account of the different cultural and socio-economic systems of States parties to the Convention,

Noting with satisfaction the establishment of the practice of holding a pre-sessional working group three to five days prior to the Committee session,

Convinced that the close relationship between the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, implies that the secretariats of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Committee on the Rights of the Child should work closely together,

Welcoming the general recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its tenth session, 8/

Noting with appreciation the South Pacific regional seminar on the Convention held in Rarotonga, Cook Islanda, in March 1991, which recommended that all Pacific Island States accede to the Convention,

Aware that the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will take place on 3 September 1991,

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its tenth session;

2. Welcomes the ratification of or accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women by an increasing number of Member States;

3. Urges all States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible;

4. Urges the Secretary-General to strengthen the provision of training in the implementation of the Convention at the national, regional and interregional levels, especially in assisting States parties to meet their reporting obligations;

7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/46/38).

8/ Ibid., chap. I.

5. Urges States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to provide training opportunities on a regular basis for persons preparing periodic reports of States parties to the Convention;

6. Welcomes the initiatives taken to provide regional training courses on the preparation and drafting of reports of States parties for government officials and training and information seminars for States considering acceding to the Convention, and urges the relevant organs and organizations of the United Nations to support such initiatives;

7. Recommends that the strengthening of substantive and technical support for the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women be a priority in the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993 of the Division for the Advancement of Women;

8. Invites the international community to mark in an appropriate manner the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the Convention;

9. Invites States parties to the Convention to make every possible effort to submit their initial implementation reports, as well as their second and subsequent periodic reports, in accordance with article 18 of the Convention and the guidelines provided by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and to cooperate fully with the Committee in the presentation of their reports;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide, facilitate and encourage, within existing resources, the dissemination of public information relating to the Committee, its recommendations, the Convention and the concept of legal literacy, taking into account the Committee's own recommendations in that regard;

11. Recommends that a close relationship be maintained between the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and other United Nations human rights bodies and between the secretariats of those Committees.

27. The Second (Social) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXT OF DRAFT DECISIONS I AND II, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (E/1991/28, CHAP. I, SECT. B)].